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Welcome to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games Miniature Sheets are coming!

Top, four very special postmarks, left to right: first day of issue pictorial and Tallents House postmarks for the Welcome to London 2012 Olympic Games issue; first day of issue pictorial postmark and (facing page) Tallents House postmark for the Welcome to London 2012 Paralympic Games issue. LONDON E20 was chosen because it is the location of the Olympic Park

Olympic sports and London landmarks come together on four striking stamps released on 27 July to welcome the world to the London 2012 Olympic Games on the day of the spectacular opening ceremony. And on 29 August, with the issue of a second miniature sheet showing sports merged with London locations, Royal Mail become the first postal administration whose country is hosting the Games to issue a set of stamps celebrating the start of Paralympic Games. To achieve maximum impact from these striking composite images, Royal Mail is using one of its widest formats for the mini-sheets, which contain two first class stamps and two £1.28 stamps.

Welcome to the London 2012 Olympic Games Miniature Sheet – stamp by stamp

£1.28, Diving and Tate Modern: stamp shows a diver's arrow-like vertical descent mirroring Tate Modern's imposing 325-foot chimney.

1st Class, Fencing and Tower Bridge: a fencer's lunge mirrors the angle of the walkway at the upper level of Tower Bridge.

1st class, Athletics and Olympic Stadium: runners take the curve of the track as it merges into the new purpose-built Olympic Stadium in Stratford.

£1.28, Cycling and London Eye: London's iconic Ferris wheel completes the front wheel of a racing bike in the final stamp.

Sets of five postcards featuring all five stamps and the Miniature Sheets will be available a few days before the issue date of 27 July.

Prices of Welcome to London 2012 Olympic Games Miniature Sheet and Welcome to London 2012 Paralympic Games Miniature Sheet

Miniature Sheets	£3.76 each
Presentation Packs	£4.30 each
First Day Envelope	30p each
First Day Cover	£4.99, £X.xx overseas
Stamp Cards	£2.25 each (sets of 5)

